BOBTAIL MOUNTAIN PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Bobtail Mountain Provincial Park
Purpose Statement and Zoning Plan

Bobtail Mountain Provincial Park is located about 55 km southwest of the City of Prince George, near the headwaters of Gregg Creek. This 1,361-hectare park features an unusual outcropping of serpentine rock and provides values for biogeoclimatic subzone representation and recreation.

The key recreational feature of the park is a trail leading from a trailhead southeast of the park, to viewpoints at the summit of Bobtail Mountain. The 5 km trail, originally managed by the Ministry of Forests, has an elevation change of over 300 metres. At the summit of Bobtail Mountain, the trail ends at a viewpoint overlooking Bobtail Lake and surrounding landscape. A small hut has been built to provide shelter. There are no other facilities within the park. The trailhead and summit hut are not in the park, and the trail also weaves in an out of the park.

Primary Role
The primary role of Bobtail Mountain Provincial Park is to provide the only provincial representation of moist warm sub-boreal spruce forests (SBSmw). Bobtail Mountain also has an area of serpentine soils with unique vegetation such as maidenhair ferns.

Secondary Role
The secondary role is to protect a popular recreation feature, and provide recreational access to a prominent landform feature overlooking the Nazko Upland.

Known Management Issues	**Response**
Forest Health	Monitor for Mountain Pine Beetle.
Adjacency Issues	Timber harvesting on east boundary Old roads provide access into north end of park.
Lack of Information	Conduct red and blue species inventory in areas of serpentine soils.
Bobtail Mountain Trail	As the trail includes components within 2 different ministries (MoF & WLAP), develop a trail management agreement.

Zoning

The entirety of Bobtail Mountain Park (1,361 hectares) is zoned Natural Environment (protection of scenic values and provision of backcountry recreation opportunities in a largely undisturbed natural environment).

CONSERVATION

Representation		
• ecosection		Contributes minimally to the representation on the Nazko Upland Ecosection. 10.91% of this ecosection is protected. Bobtail Mountain Park contributes only 0.62% of the overall protected areas system representation of this ecosection.
• biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	X	Contributes the only representation to the extremely poorly represented SBSmw. Only 0.39% of the subzone/variant is protected (761 ha). Contributes minimally to the representation of: SBSdw – 4.24% of this variant is protected; the park contributes only 0.8% of the protected areas system representation of this variant ESSFmv1: 2.06% of this variant is protected; the park contributes 2.7% of the protected areas system representation of this variant
Special Feature	X	unusual outcropping of serpentine rock
Rare/Endangered Values		Unknown – inventory required
Scientific/Research Opportunities		

RECREATION

Representation:		
• backcountry	X	Trail to the summit provides opportunities for hiking, viewing, wildlife viewing, nature study, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.
• destination		
• travel corridor		
• local recreation	X	Popular day use area, attracts use from Prince George residents and recreationists using lakes in surrounding area.
Special Opportunities		
Education/Interpretation Opportunities		Geomorphology; sub-boreal forest ecology

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Representation	Unknown
Special Feature	An old telegraph trail, originally cut in the 1860's, passes

along the base of Bobtail Mountain (not within the park)

OTHER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Designations

Relationship to Other PAs		Supplements recreation opportunities provided at nearby Dahl Lake Provincial Park. Complements recreation opportunities provided by other day use parks near Prince George including Eskers Provincial Park, Fort George Canyon, Giscome Portage and Three Sisters Lakes Provincial Park.
Co-operative Management Arrangements		
Partnerships		
Vulnerability		The Conservation Risk Assessment Process identified 3 risk factors (the shape, the size of the park, and terrestrial ecosystem replication) for the park and rated them as moderately significant. Two stressors/threats were identified for the park: Fire suppression was rated as moderately significant; and temporary trail was rated as low significance.
Relationship to Other Strategies	X	Recommended for protection by the Prince George LRMP in March, 1999

Area: 1,361 hectares
Date of establishment: June 29, 2000

Zoning Map - Bobtail Mountain Provincial Park

Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Natural Environment
Protected Area Boundary

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km

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